

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for providing away-from-home calling service in which a subscriber makes a telephone call from a subscriber telephone; comprising:

a switch coupled to the subscriber telephone on which a trigger is provisioned to intercept telephone calls intending to use the calling service;

a service control point coupled to the switch provisioned to receive an authentication information request from the switch, wherein the authentication information is entered by the subscriber through a telephone keypad;

Ac a line database storing authentication and verification information and services information regarding home telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line, wherein after the service control point acquires the authentication information from the subscriber through the switch, the service control point compares the received authentication information with the authentication and verification information stored in the line database, and queries the line database to provide provides the information regarding the home telephone services to the switch in response to a query from the service control point if the received authentication information and the authentication and verification information matches, and wherein the switch completes the telephone call using the telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line returned to the switch.

2. (Original) The system recited in claim 1, wherein the telephone subscriber is prompted to enter call completion information after being authenticated.

3. (Original) The system in claim 2, wherein the switch performs the prompting.
4. (Original) The system recited in claim 2, further comprising a service control node, which performs the prompting.
5. (Original) The system recited in claim 2, wherein the call completion information comprises a called party telephone number.
6. (Currently Amended) A method for providing an away from home calling service, comprising the steps of:
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- (a) dialing an access number by a caller to access the away from home calling service, wherein the dialing triggers a switch;
 - (b) prompting the a caller for authentication information, wherein the caller's authentication information is entered by the caller through a telephone keypad;
 - (c) authenticating the caller at a service control point by comparing the authentication information received from the caller and authentication and verification information stored in a database;
 - (d) querying home service information by the service control point regarding the caller's home telephone to deliver to the switch if the authentication information received from the caller matches with the stored authentication and verification information ~~obtaining home service information regarding the caller's home telephone line;~~
 - (e) prompting the caller for call completion information; and

(f) completing the telephone call using the telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line ~~in accordance with the caller's home service information.~~

7. (Original) The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of prompting the caller for call completion information.

8. (Original) The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step obtaining a PIN from the caller.

A 9. (Original) The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of responding to a trigger encountered when the caller dials the access number.

10. (Original) The method recited in claim 6, further comprising the step of performing a database search to obtain the home service information.

11. (Currently Amended) A switch for allowing a telephone subscriber to make a telephone call from a remote telephone using services provisioned on the telephone subscriber's home telephone comprising:

means for receiving a telephone call from a caller;

a trigger provisioned to respond to the received telephone call by sending a message to an service control point;

means for prompting the caller to enter authentication and validation information,
wherein the authentication and validation information is entered by the subscriber through a
keypad of the remote telephone;

means for sending the authentication and validation information to the service control
point, wherein the service control point receives the entered authentication and validation
information and compares the received information with authentication and verification
information stored in a database;

means for receiving a message containing the home services provisioned on the caller's
home telephone line, wherein the message is queried by the service control point if the received
information matches with the stored information;

means for prompting the caller for call completion information; and

means for completing the call in accordance with the call completion information and
home services information.

12. (Original) The switch recited in claim 11, wherein the trigger is a termination
attempt trigger.

13. (Original) The switch recited in claim 11, wherein the trigger is a public office
dialing plan trigger.

14. (Original) The switch of claim 11, wherein the authentication and validation
information comprises a PIN.

15. (Original) The switch of claim 11, wherein the authentication and validation information comprises an account number.

16. (Currently Amended) A system for allowing a caller to complete a telephone call made from a remote telephone using services available to the caller on his or her home telephone, comprising:

a remote telephone on which the caller calls an access telephone number to make ~~makes~~ the telephone call by using service available to the caller on his or her home telephone; and

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a switch to receive the access telephone number ~~the telephone call~~ from the caller and in response thereto, obtain validation and authentication information from the caller, to obtain home service information related to the caller's home telephone line, and to complete the telephone call in accordance with the home service information, wherein the validation and authentication information is entered by the caller through a keypad of the remote telephone; and

a service control point for receiving the validation and authentication information entered by the caller, comparing the received validation and authentication information with validation and authentication information stored in a database, and authorizing the caller to use the service available to his or her home telephone if the received information matches with the stored information.

17. (Original) The system recited in claim 16, wherein the authentication and validation information comprises a PIN.

18. (Original) The system recited in claim 16, wherein the authentication and validation information includes a subscriber away-from-home account number.

19. (Original) The system recited in claim 16, wherein the telephone call is a long distance telephone call, and the home service information comprises a long distance carrier.

20. (Currently Amended) A method for providing telephone services provisioned on a subscriber's home telephone line when the subscriber is away from home, comprising the steps of:

AI (a) provisioning a trigger on a switch that is encountered when a subscriber attempts to use home telephone line services while away from home;

(b) requesting authorization and validation information from the subscriber when the trigger is encountered, wherein the authorization and validation information is entered by the subscriber through a keypad of a remote telephone;

(c) transmitting the authorization and validation information to a service control point;

(d) confirming the subscriber at the service control point is a valid user on the basis of the authorization and validation information; ~~and~~

(e) returning telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line to the switch if the subscriber is a valid user; and

completing a telephone call using the telephone services provisioned on the subscriber's home telephone line.

21. (Canceled)

22. (Original) The method recited in claim 20, further comprising the step of obtaining call completion information from the subscriber after the subscriber has been validated.

23. (Original) The method recited in claim 20, further comprising the step of obtaining a PIN from the subscriber as part of the authentication and validation information.
